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Results Accountability

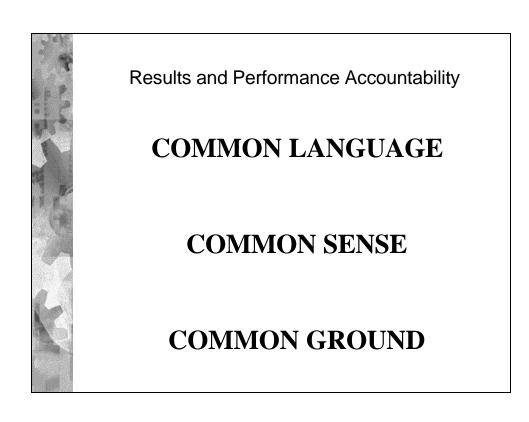
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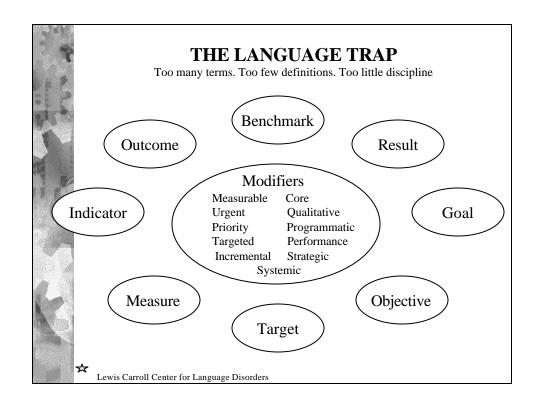
Population Accountability about the well-being of WHOLE POPULATIONS

For Communities - Cities - Counties - States - Nations

Performance Accountability
about the well-being of
CLIENT POPULATIONS

For Programs - Agencies - and Service Systems







DEFINITIONS

RESULT or OUTCOME

A condition of well-being for children, adults, families or communities.

Children born healthy, Children succeeding in school, Safe communities, Clean Environment, Prosperous Economy

INDICATOR or BENCHMARK

A measure which helps quantify the achievement of a result.

Rate of low-birthweight babies, Rate of high school graduation, crime rate, air quality index, unemployment rate

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

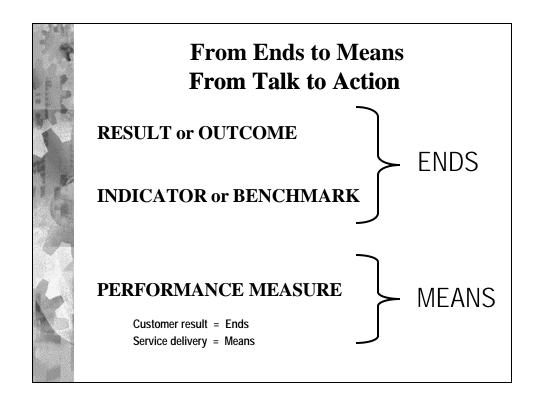
A measure of how well a program, agency or service system

is working.

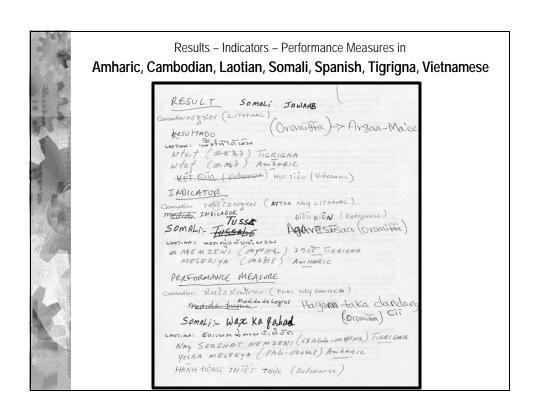
1. How much did we do?

Three types: 2. How well did we do it?

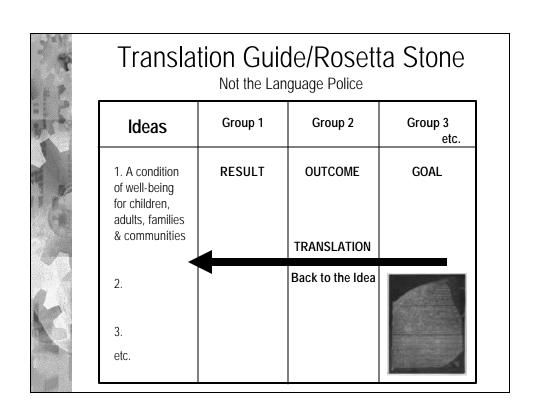
3. Is anyone better off? = Customer Results



	IS IT A RESULT, INDICATOR OR PERFORMANCE MEASURE? 1. Safe Community
	2. Crime Rate
	3. Average Police Dept response time
(-8)	4. A community without graffiti
	5. % of surveyed buildings without graffiti
	6. People have living wage jobs and income
10	7. % of people with living wage jobs and income
	8. % of participants in job training who get living wage jobs



*	Tool for Cho		Commor matic	n Language	
	ldeas		bels Modifiers	Choice	
	A condition of well-being for children, adults, families and communities	Result Outcome Goal	Population Community- wide	1	
	2.			2	
NAME OF THE PARTY	3.			3	
2	4.			4	
	5.			5	
	6.			6	





POPULATION ACCOUNTABILITY

For Whole Populations in a Geographic Area

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A Prosperous Economy
A Clean Environment
Healthy and Safe Communities
Children Ready for and Succeeding in School
Parents and Other Adults Healthy and Self-Sufficient
Elders Living with Dignity in Setting of Their Own Choice

See also: "Healthy, Wealthy and Wise" or "Life Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness"



Results for Children, Families and Communities

A Working List

Healthy Births

Healthy Children and Adults

Children Ready for School

Children Succeeding in School

Young People Staying Out of Trouble

Stable Families

Families with Adequate Income

Safe and Supportive Communities



Georgia Policy Council for Children and Families

RESULTS

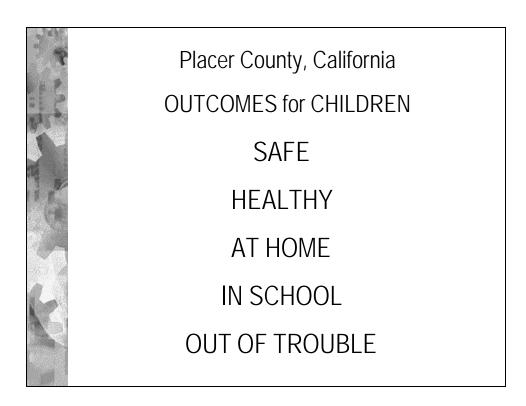
Healthy Children

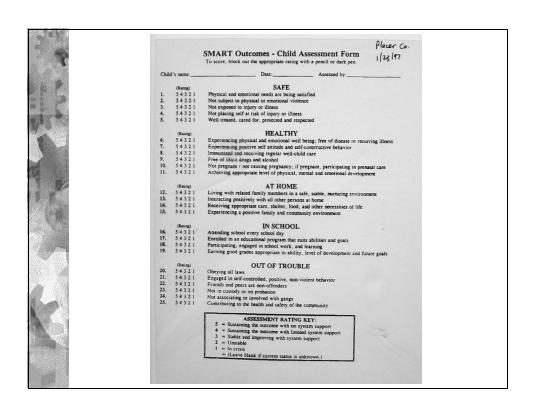
Children Ready for School

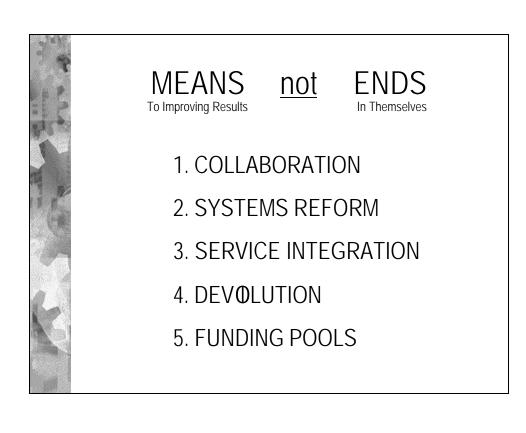
Children Succeeding in School

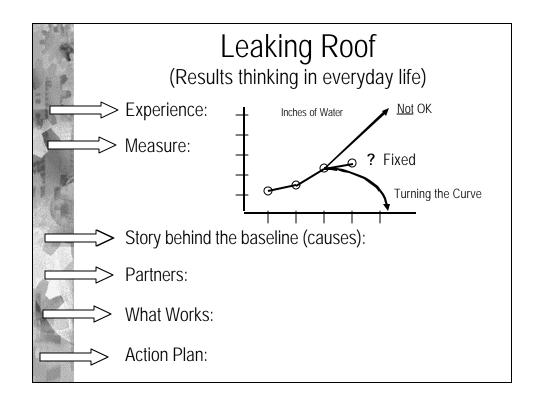
Strong Families

Self Sufficient Families









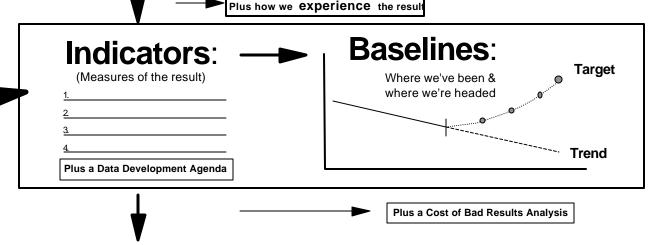
Results-Based Decision Making

Getting from Talk to Action

Population: e.g. Children prenatal to age 5

Result: e.g. Children enter school healthy and

ready to learn What we want for children in plain English, plain Spanish...



Story behind the baselines:

The causes, the forces at work; the epidemiology of the baselines

Plus Information & Research Agenda Part 1

Partners with a role to play:

Public and private sector agencies and individuals

What works What would it take to turn the curve

in this community, best practices, best hunches

Plus Information & Research Agenda Part 2

Specificity: clear who, what, when, where, how

Leverage: power to turn the curve

Values: consistent with community values

Reach: feasible, affordable

Action Plan and Budget

What we propose to do: multi-year action plan and budget

How the "what works" pieces fit together in a community system of services and supports

Performance Measures: Measures of how well programs, services, supports, agencies and service systems, included in the action plan, are working: How much did we do? How well did we do it? Is anyone better



Criteria for Choosing Indicators

as Primary vs. Secondary Measures

Communication Power

Does the indicator communicate to a broad range of audiences?

Proxy Power

Does the indicator say something of central importance about the result?

Does the indicator bring along the data **HERD**?

Data Power

Quality data available on a timely basis.

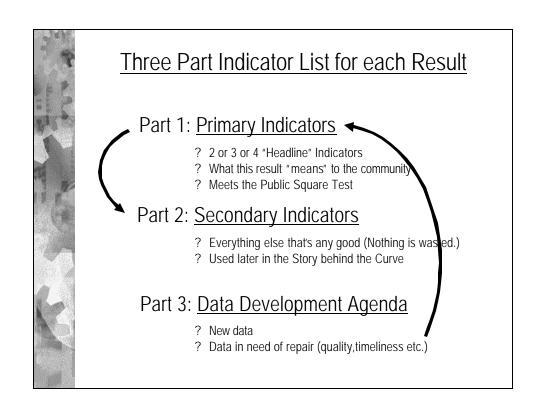


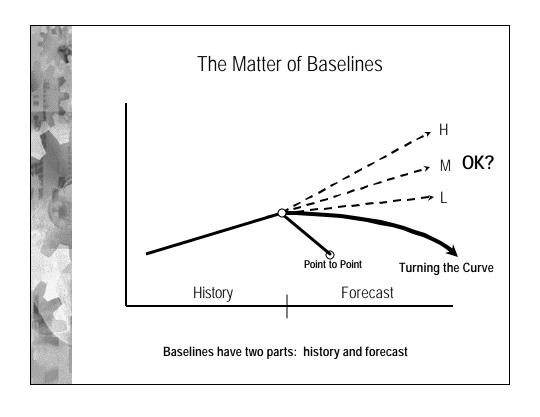
Choosing Indicators

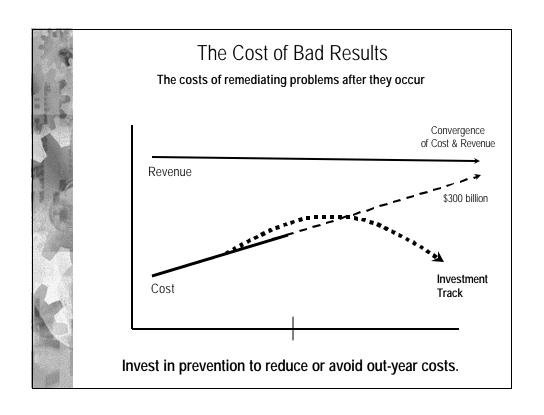
Worksheet

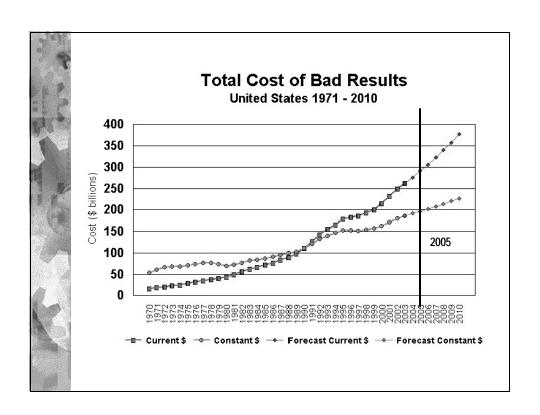
Outcome or Result Safe Community

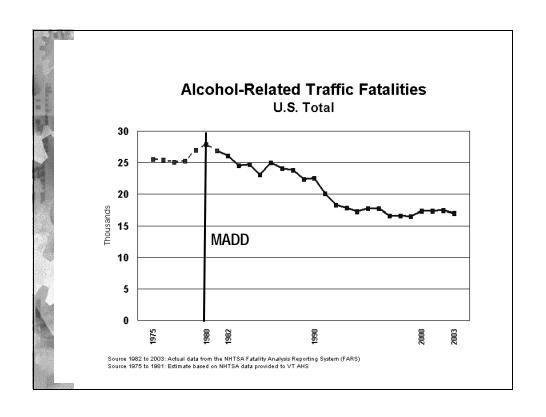
Candidate Indicators	Communication Power	Proxy Power	Data Power
Measure 1	H M L	H M L	H M L
Measure 2			
Measure 3		H	H
Measure 4			
Measure 5	H	Н	
Measure 6			Data 🗸
Measure 7			Development
Measure 8			A genda

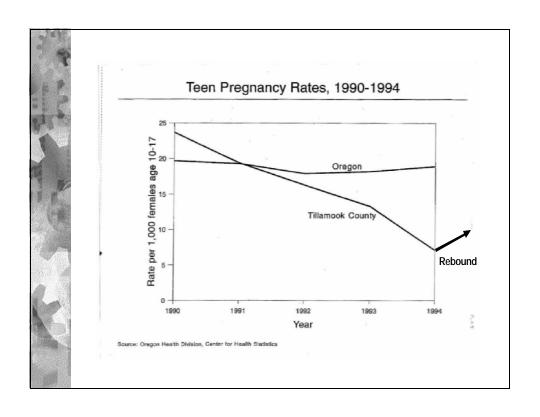


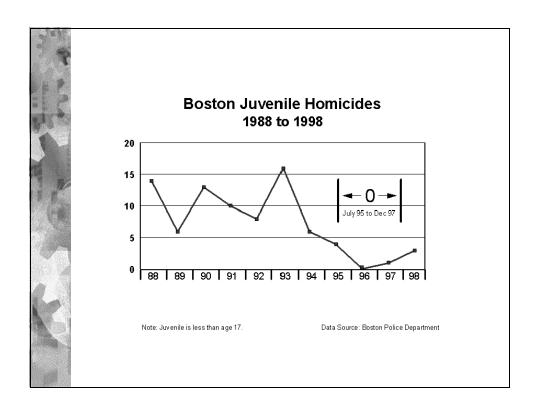


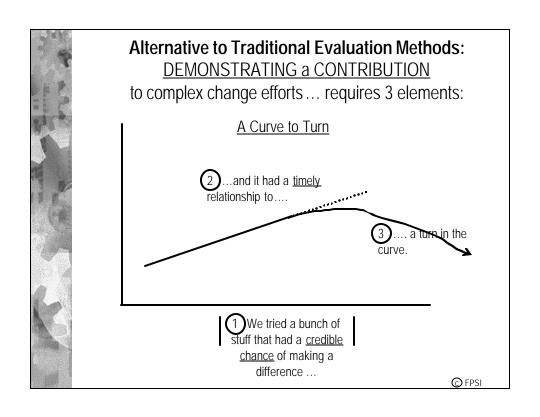














Performance Accountability

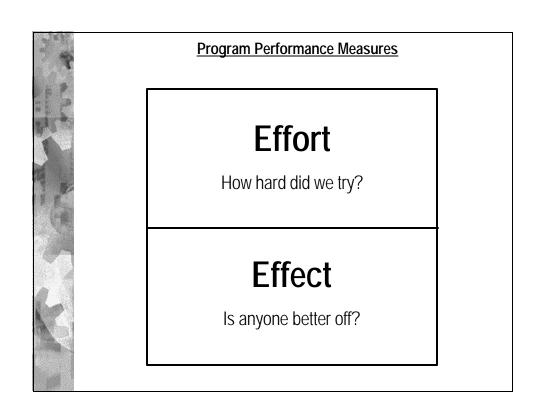
For Programs, Agencies and Service Systems

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"All Performance Measures
that have ever existed
in the history of the universe
involve answering two sets of
interlocking questions."

Program Perfor	mance Measures	
Quantity	Quality	
How	How	
Much	Well	
did we do?	did we do it?	
(#)	(%)	



*	Program Perfor	mance Measures	
	Eff	ort	
	How	How	
	Much	Well	
	Eff	ect	
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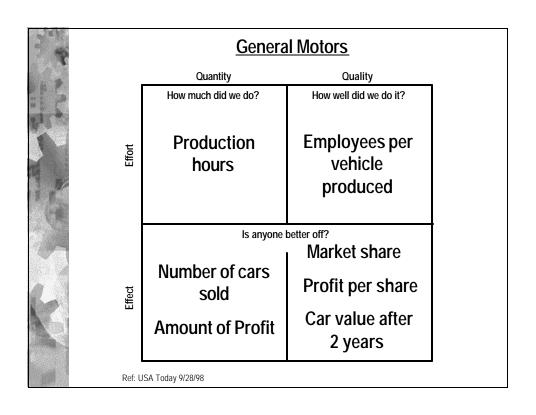
1		Program Perfor	mance Measures	
		Quantity	Quality	
	Input Effort	How much service did we deliver?	How well did we deliver it?	
1	Output Effect	How much change / effect did we produce?	What quality of change / effect did we produce?	

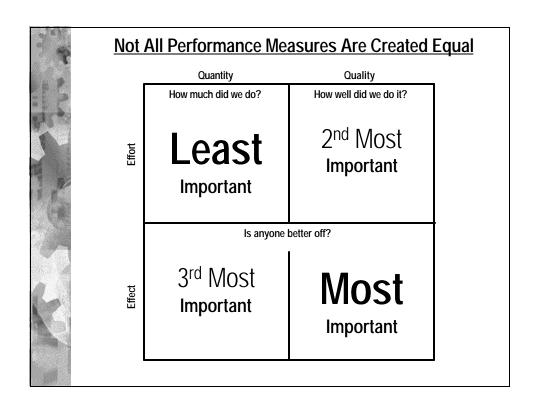
	Program Perfor	mance Measures	
_	Quantity	Quality	
Effort	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	
Effect	Is an better		

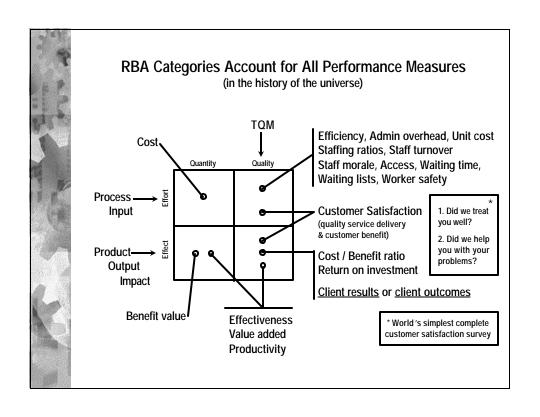
3 %		<u>Edu</u>	<u>cation</u>
		Quantity	Quality
		How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
	t	Number of	Student-teacher
	Effort	students	ratio
		Is anyone	
647		Number of	Percent of
		9th graders who	9 th graders who
	Effect	enter college or	enter college or
	Ш	employment after	employment after
		graduation	graduation

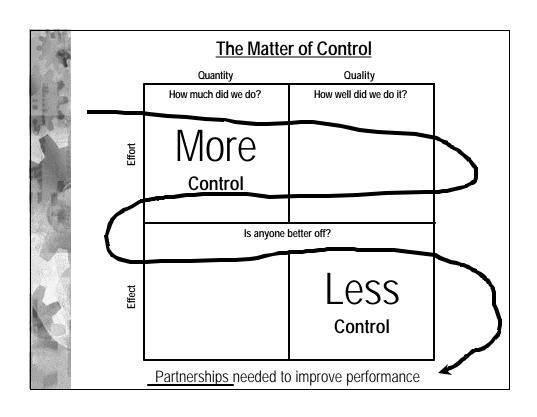
9		Health Pla	n or Practice	
		Quantity	Quality	
		How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	
	Effort	Number of patients treated	Percent of patients treated in less than 1 hour	
		Is anyone	better off?	
	Effect	# children fully immunized	% children fully immunized	
				1

	Drug/Alcohol Tr	eatment Program
	Quantity	Quality
	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
Effort	Number of persons treated	Percent of staff with training/ certification
	Is anyone	better off?
ţ	Number of clients off of alcohol &	Percent of clients off of alcohol &
Effect	drugs	drugs
	- at exit - 12 months after exit	- at exit - 12 months after exit



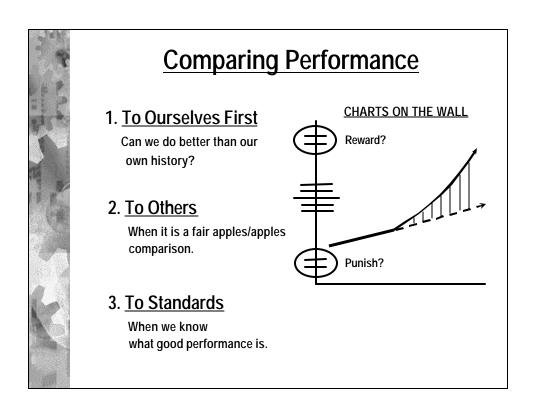


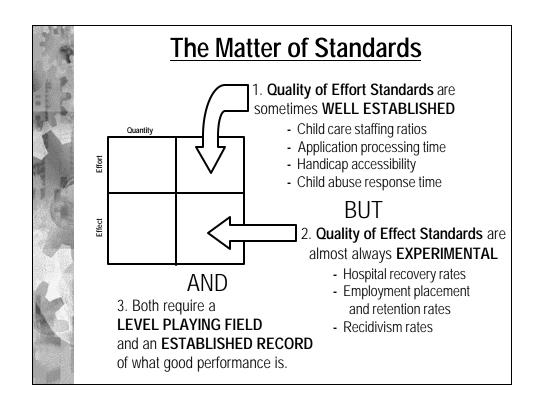


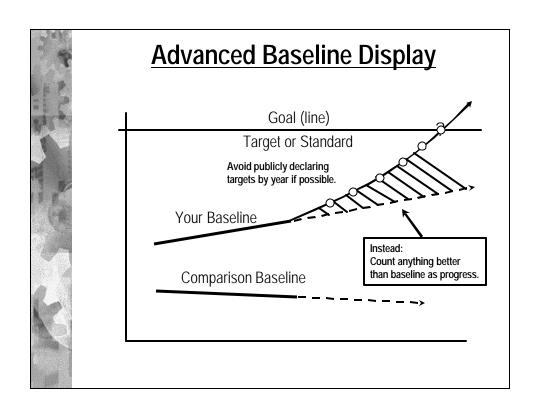


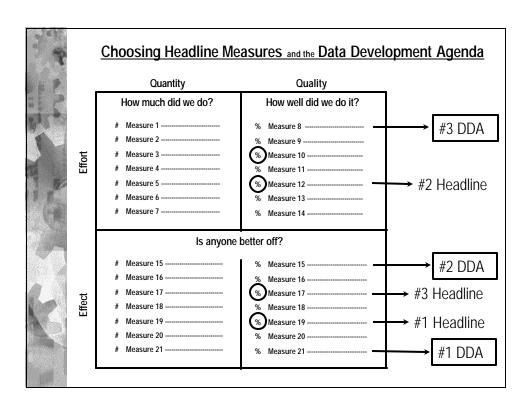
The Matter of Use

- 1. <u>First Purpose is to Improve Performance</u> as a contribution to improving results
- 2. <u>Avoid the Performance Measurement</u> <u>Equals Punishment Trap</u>
 - Acknowledge the experience as real.
 - Work to create a healthy organizational environment
 - Start small.
 - Build bottom-up and top-down simultaneously.









Separating the Wheat from the Chaff

Types of Measures Found in Each Quadrant

What We Do

- # Clients/customers served
- # Activities (by type of activity)

How Well We Do It

% Common measures

(e.g. client staff ratio, workload ratio, staff turnover rate, staff morale, % staff fully trained, % satisfied customers, % clients seen in their own language, worker safety, unit cost)

% Activity-specific measures

(e.g. % actions timely, % clients completing activity, % actions correct and complete, % of actions meeting standard etc.)

Is Anyone Better Off?

Point in Time vs. Point to Point Improvement

#

#

#

#

% Skills / Knowledge

(e.g. parenting skills)

% Attitude

(e.g. toward drugs)

% Behavior

(e.g. school attendance)

% Circumstance

(e.g. working, in stable housing)

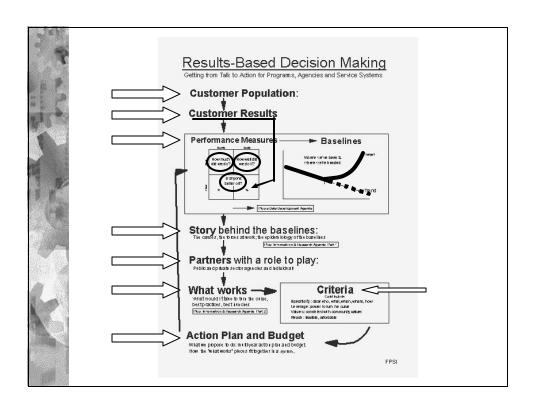
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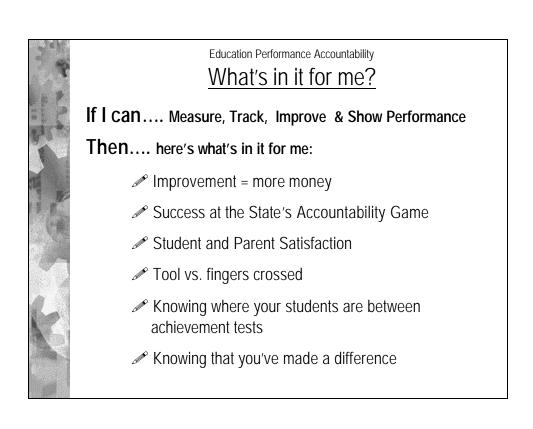
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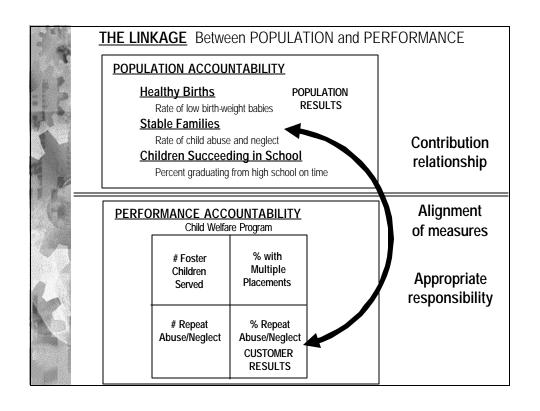
- 1. Who are our **customers**, clients, people we serve? (e.g. children in a mentoring program)
- 2. How can we measure if our clients/customers are better off? (performance measures about client results e.g. rate of high school graduation for mentees)
- 3. How can we measure if we are delivering service well? (performance measures about service delivery e.g. ratio of mentors to mentees)
- 4. How are we doing on the most important of these measures? Where have we been; where are we headed? (baselines and story behind the baselines)
- 5. Who are the **partners** who have a potential role to play in doing better?
- 6. What works, what could work, to do better than baseline? (best practices, best hunches; incl. partners' contribution)
- 7. What do we propose to do? (multi-year action plan and budget; incl. no-cost / low-cost items)

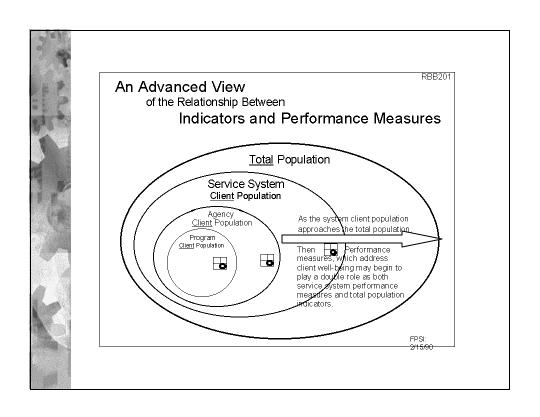
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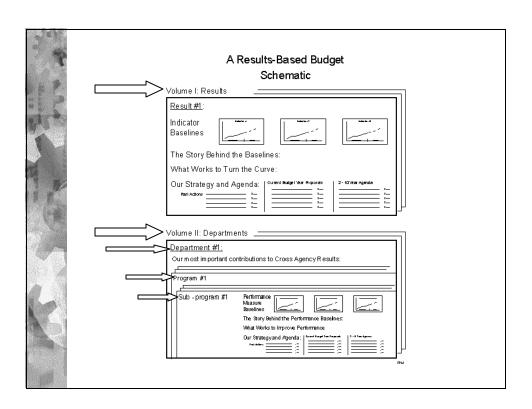


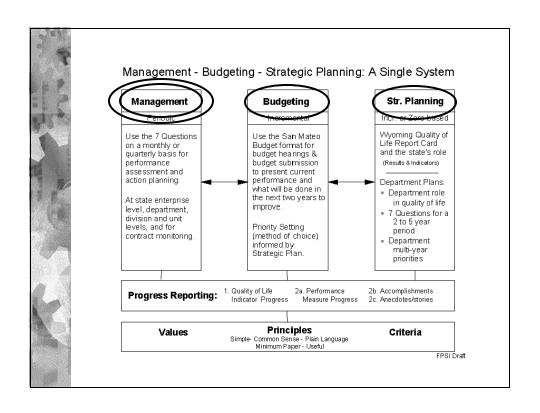


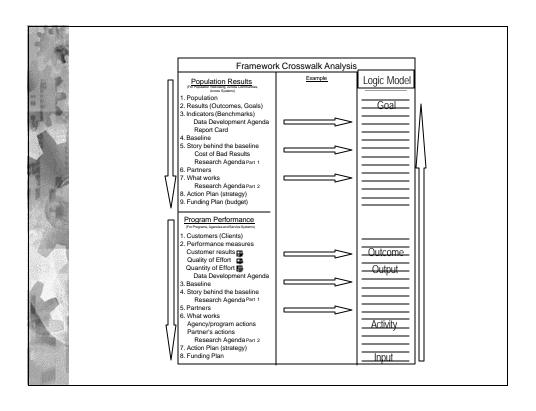


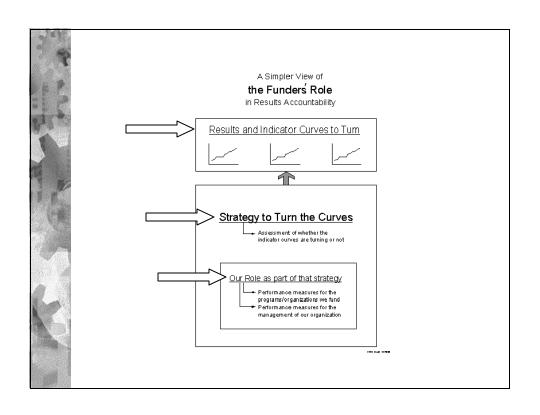


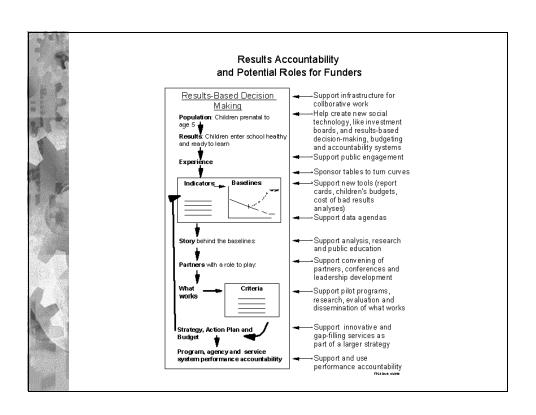














Board of Directors Meeting **AGENDA**

- 1. New data
- 2. New story behind the curves
- 3. New partners
- 4. New information on what works.
- 5. New information on financing
- 6. Changes to action plan and budget
- 7. Adjourn



Different Kinds of Progress

- 1. Data
 - **a.** <u>Population indicators</u> Actual turned curves: movement for the better away from the baseline.
 - b. Program performance measures:

customer progress and better service:

How much did we do? How well did we do it? Is anyone better off?

- 2. <u>Accomplishments</u>: Positive activities, not included above.
- **3. Anecdotes:** Stories behind the statistics that show how individuals are better off.



What's Next?

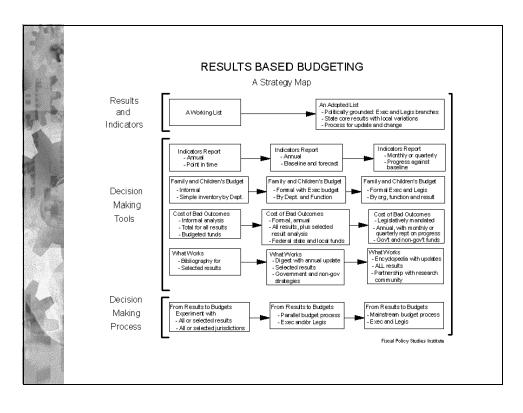
A Basic Action Plan for Results Accountability

TRACK 1: POPULATION ACCOUNTABILITY

- Establish results
- Establish indicators, baselines and charts on the wall
- Create an indicators report card
- Set tables (action groups) to turn curves

TRACK 2: PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY

- Performance measures, baselines and charts on the wall for programs, agencies and service systems
- Use 7 Questions in management, budgeting and strategic planning







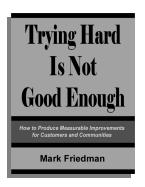
"If you do what you always did,

you will get what you always got."

Kenneth W. Jenkins President, Yonkers NY NAACP



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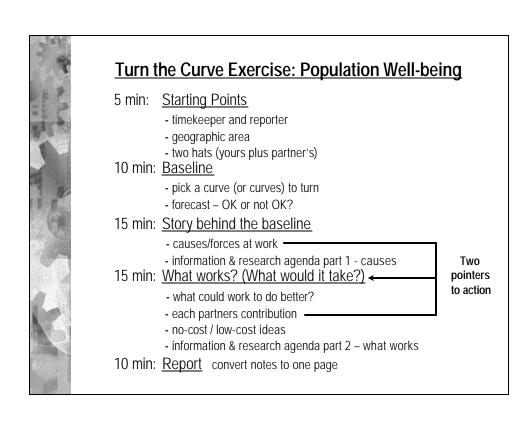


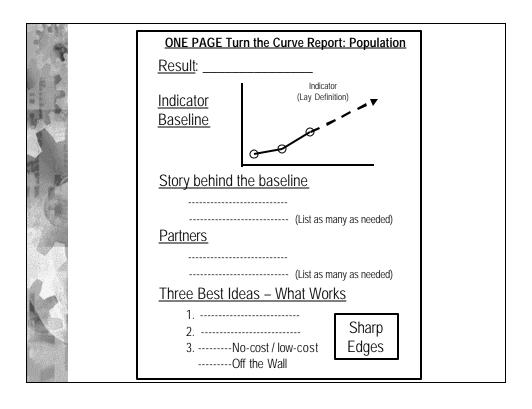
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world.

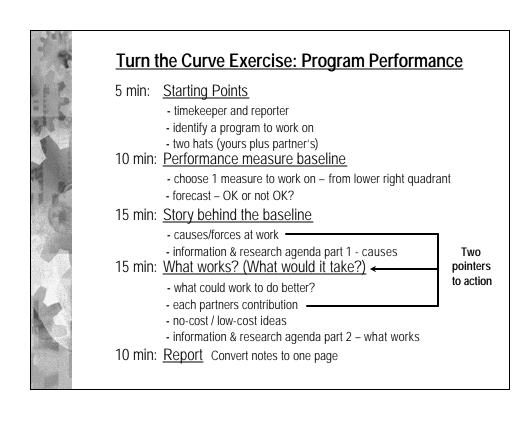
Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

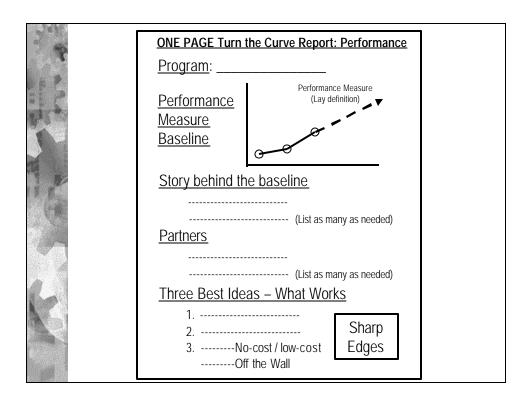
- Margaret Mead

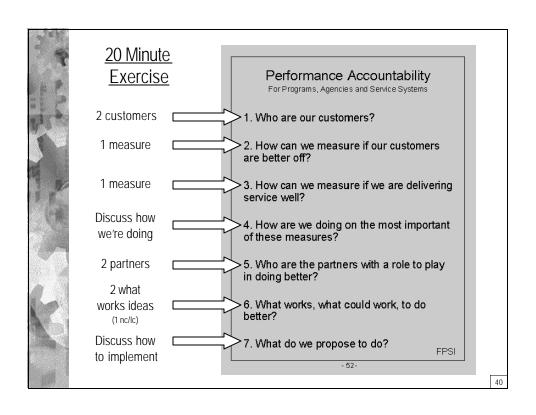


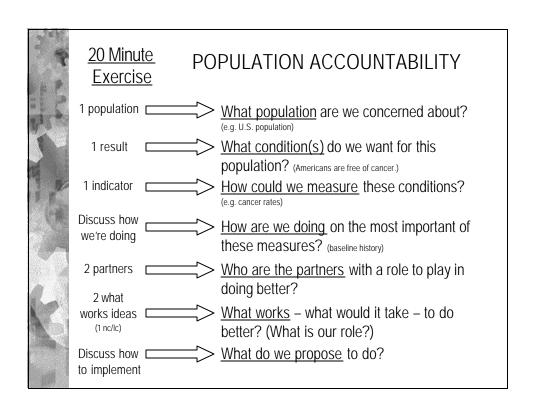




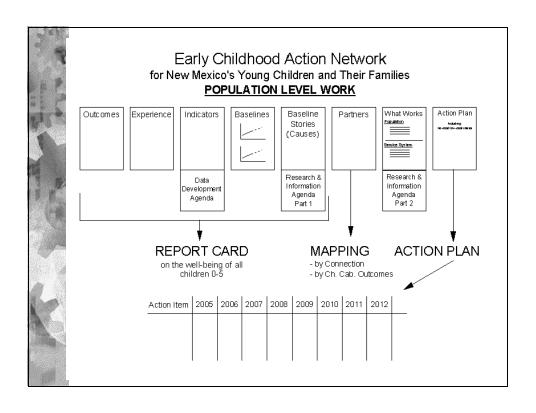


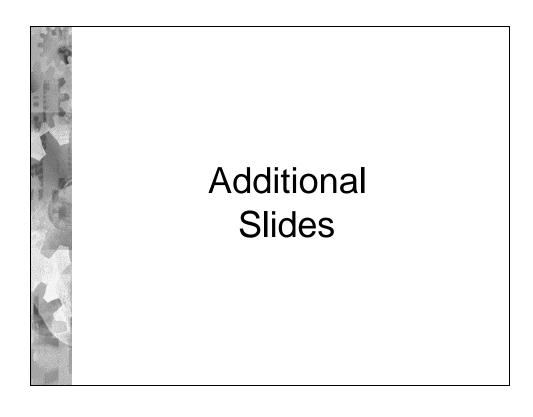


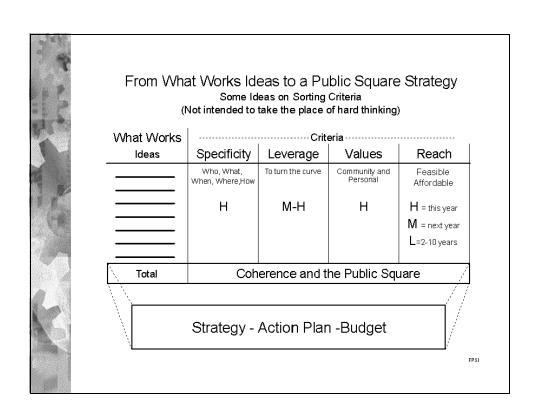


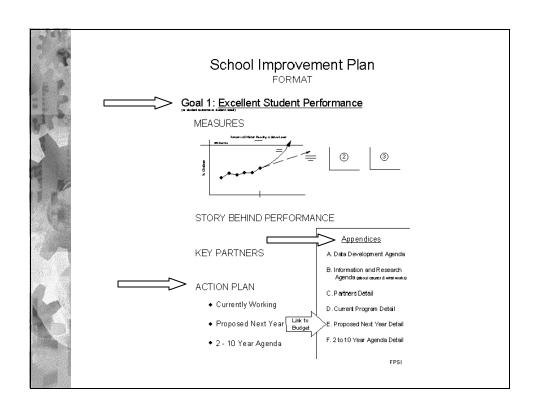


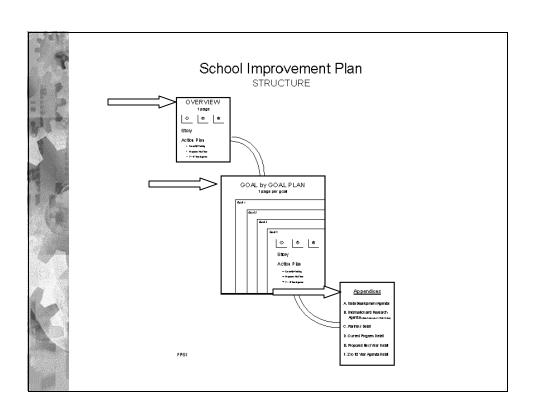
2 2	Results Based Grantmaking Exercise
10 min:	A. Result B. Indicators 1 For each: 2 Getting Better Getting Worse 3 or About the Same? A. Result
10 min:	C. Story behind the baselines (Why better or worse?)
10 min:	D. Partners with a role to play
15 min:	E. What would it take? (5 most important strategies) 1 4 2 5
10 min:	3 F. Our Roles (3 best ideas) 1 3 2 Off the wall:



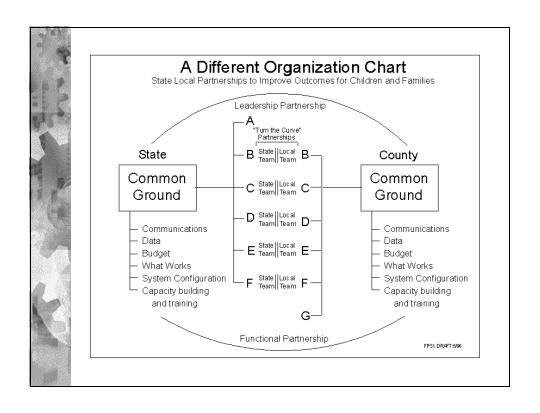








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Required Plans Consolidated Plan School Improvement Plan Technology Plan Professional Development Plan 301 Plan NCA Accreditation District Assessment Plan School Reform Plan	x x x x	x x x x x	х	х	X X	X X X	x x
Customer Result, Goal or Purpose	All students proficient in reading math and science	All teachers and para professionals are highly qualified	All ELL students proficient in reading math and science	All students are safe and drug free	All students graduate from H.S.	All Parents are Involved	Technology use is integrated to improve student achievement
Headline Performance Measures (and Baseline Picture- Charls on the Wall) Data source Targets	% proficient Reading, Math and Science	% highly qualified teachers % retention highly qualified teachers Ave class size	% ELL proficient Reading, Math and Science	Rate of drug use Rate of violence Rate of expulsions % positive attitudes	H.S. graduation rate	% Parents involved % Parents involved in technology	% Teachers technology liter % Students technology liter
Story - Common crosscutting analysis - Analysis specific to given measures Partners - Basic partners in all plans - Special partners for specific plans What works - Action Plan Crosscutting strategies - Strategies specific to given measures Budgel / Funding.	\	→	\	→	\	\	
Appendices Demographics Secondary Measures Data Dev Agenda Information and Research Agendas About causes About what works	→	—	—	\longrightarrow	$\overline{\longrightarrow}$	\downarrow	\downarrow



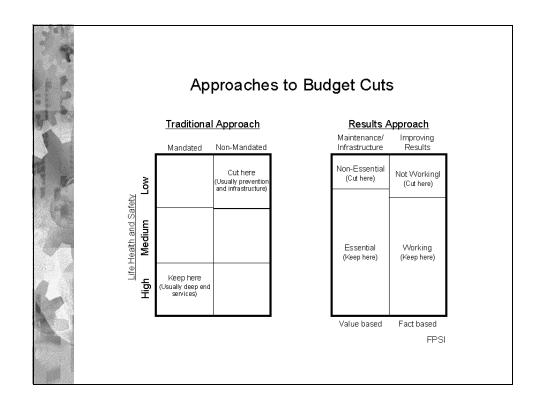


Trading Outcome Accountability for Fund Flexibility

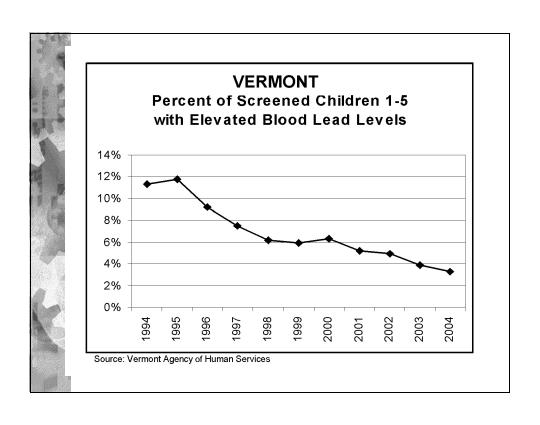
The Elements of a New Deal

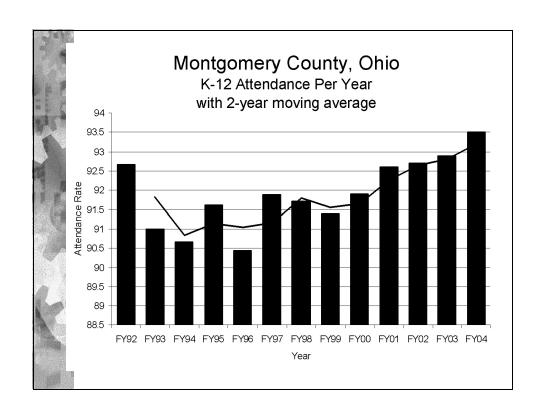
- Who is Accountable?
 - Creating a Framework for Cross Systems Governance
- For What Outcomes (or Results)?
 Creating a Framework of Outcomes and Indicators for which to be Accountable
- With What Money?
 Creating Funding Packages with Natural Incentives for Better Performance
- With What Standards and Safeguards?
 Reaching Agreement on Performance, and Reasonable
 Boundaries for Responsibility
- With What Risks Rewards and Penalties?
 Creating Incentives and Defining Risk
- For What Period of Time?

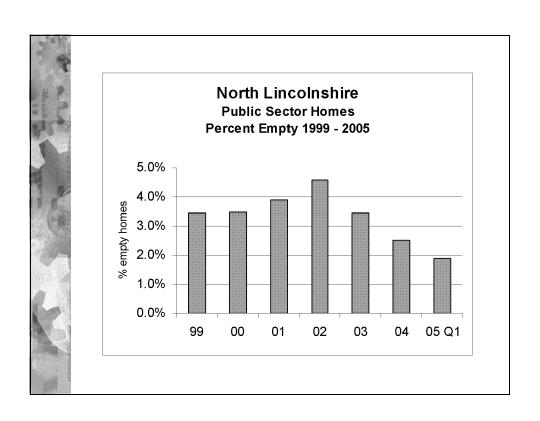
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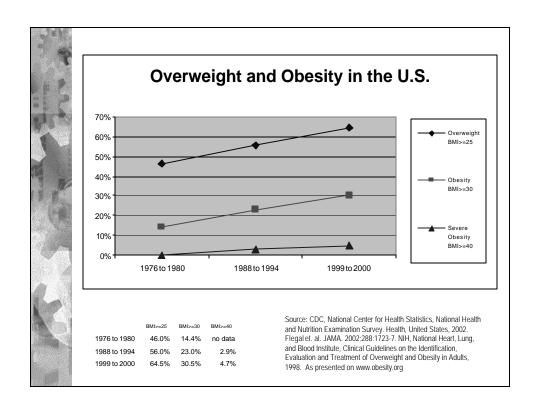


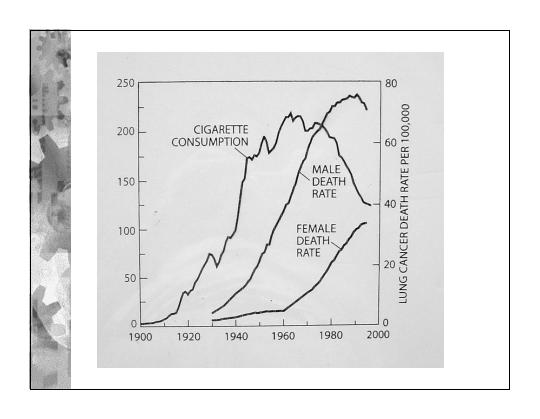
Additional Turn the Curve Stories

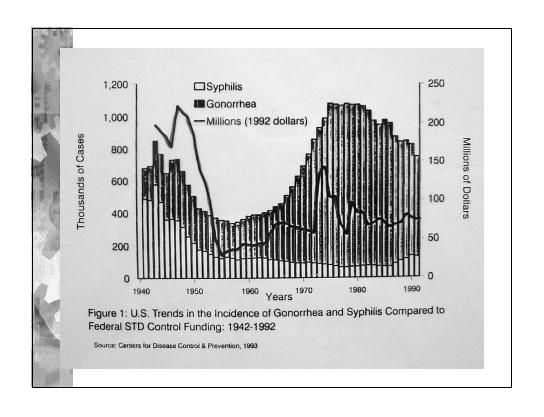


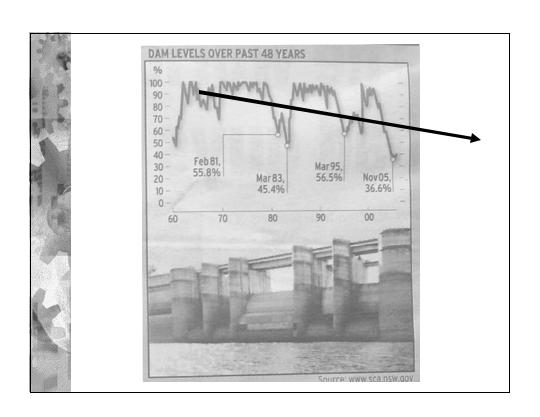














Additional Performance Measurement Examples

See also: www.raguide.org
Questions 3.10 and 3.11

*	DOT Road	<u>Maintenance</u>
	Quantity	Quality
\$	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
_	Number of	Percent of
Effort	miles of road	maintenance
	maintained	on schedule
	Is anyone	better off?
	Number of	Accidents per
Effect	accidents	mile
	Number of new	Growth in road
	jobs	based jobs

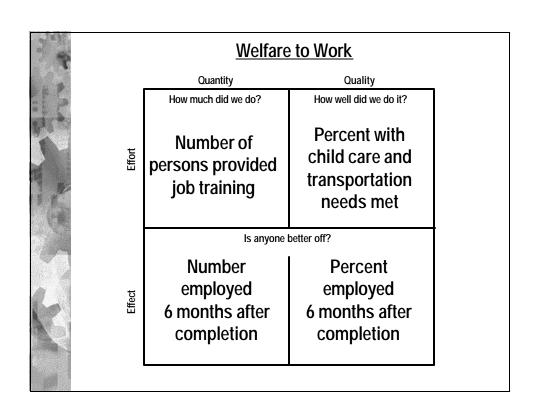
	Commerc	ce Tourism	
	Quantity	Quality	
	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	
Effort	Number of books sent to interested consumers	Cost per inquiry delivered	
	_	better off?	
	Number of	Tourism	
	tourists	market share	
Effect	Number tourist businesses	Growth in tourist industry	
		•	

		Environment	: Water Quality
		Quantity	Quality
		How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
	描	Number of	Average sites
X	Effort	stream stations	per monitor
		monitored	per month
		Is anyone	better off?
		Number miles	Percent miles
Rall	Effect	of healthy	of healthy
		streams	streams

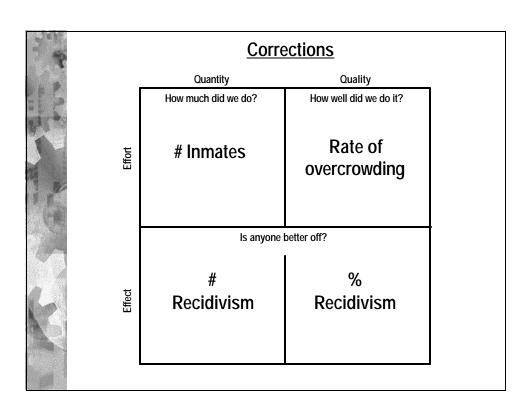
3	Banking & Insu	rance Regulation
	Quantity	Quality
	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
gi ch	# Bank Audits	% Bank Audits
Effort	# Insurance	on time
	Companies	% Staff with
	Monitored	CPA's
	Is anyone	better off?
	# Bank Failures	% Bank Failures
Effect	# Incidents of	Rate of
	Insurance Fraud	Insurance Fraud

*	<u>Personne</u>	<u>l Department</u>
	Quantity	Quality
3	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
	Number of	Average
Effort	Applicants	Recruitment
	Processed	Period
\$ ** <u>*</u>	Is anyone	better off?
	Workforce	Workforce
Effect	New Hires	Turnover Rate (non-promotions)
ü	# Customer	% Customer
	Satisfaction	Satisfaction

	Information To	echnology (MIS)
	Quantity	Quality
	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
Fffort	Number of IT projects	Average Response time to Svc requests
		better off?
	Amount of Unscheduled	Rate of Unscheduled
Lifect Fifted		Downtime
	# Customer	% Customer
	Satisfaction	Satisfaction



	<u>Child</u>	<u>Welfare</u>
	Quantity	Quality
E1 5	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
in the		Average number
-	Number of	of changed
Effort	children in	foster care
16	foster care	placements per
		child
	Is anyone better off?	
	Number of	Percent of
_	children in stable	children in stable
Effect	permanent plcmt	permanent plcmt
	after 6 months	after 6 months
	in care	in care



	<u>Juvenil</u>	<u>e Justice</u>
	Quantity	Quality
115	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
in the		Percent of
-	Number of	children in
Effort	children in	community based
1	custody	(vs. institutional)
		care
	Is anyone better off?	
	Number of	Percent of
	children exiting	children exiting
Effect	custody with no	custody with no
	repeat offence in	repeat offence in
	6 months	6 months

**	<u>Menta</u>	al Health
<u> </u>	Quantity	Quality
5	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
		Time until the
<u>+</u>	Number of	next opening
Effort	hours of	in the
100	treatment	appointment
		schedule
	Is anyone better off?	
3	Number of	Percent of
ಕ	clients	clients
Effect	in school or	in school or
	employed	employed
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7	<u>Homeles</u>	s Services
	Quantity	Quality
	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
	Number of	Staff
Effort	bed days	turnover
1	provided	rate
(4)		
	Is anyone	better off?
	Number of	Percent of
a 5	clients	clients
Effect	who return	who return
	within 3 months	within 3 months
		(recidivism rate)

		Special Education		
	_	Quantity	Quality	
		How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	
		# students	Teacher retention rate	
	Effort	# assessments	Rate of disproportional representation	
100		# IEP's	% IEP's on time	
		Is anyone	better off?	
		<pre># proficient (reading, math)</pre>	% proficient (reading, math)	
	Effect	# graduation	% graduation	
		# working or in school after graduation	% working or in school after graduation	

9		Professional Development			
		Quantity	Quality		
		How much did we do?	How well did we do it?		
	Effort	Number of students & teachers served	Unit cost		
	E	Number of workshops	% of teachers with PD plan		
		Is anyone better off?			
		# teachers who used training (by self rept or observation)	% teachers who used training (by self rept or observation)		
	Effect	# Teachers retained	Teacher retention rate		
		# Achievement in classroom	Achievement rates in		
		with trained teachers	classroom with trained teachers		

Wyoming Strategic Planning Design - Part I

(To be completed by the Governors Planning Deptartment) \boldsymbol{I}

Quality of Life Result: E.g. A Clean Environment, A Prosperous Economy, Strong Stable Families, Children Ready for and Succeeding in School, etc.
Why is this important?
Briefly explain, so a taxpayer could understand, why this quality of life condition is important to the people of Wyoming.
How are we doing?
Show the 3 to 5 most important indicators in the form of baselines with at least 3 years of actual history. Optional: provide a 2 year forecast at current effort level.
The story behind the baselines:
Explain, so a taxpayer could understand, the causes behind the indicator baselines above. Use additional data as necessary to tell this story.
What it will take to do better and the role of state government:
Include no-cost and low-cost ideas and the role of the state's partners.
Appendix A: Data development Agenda: List priorities for new or better indicator data

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Wyoming Strategic Planning Design - Part II

Same format for Departments, Divisions and Programs

Dep	artmer	nt/Divi	sion/F	Program:

Contribution to Wyoming Quality of Life:

Briefly explain, so a taxpayer could understand, how your (Dept/Div/Prog), in conjunction with other public and private partners, contributes to the quality of life of the people of Wyoming.

Basic Facts:

Show total number of staff and size of budget in total and general funds. List the 5 most important programs or functions and show annual number served,

Performance:

Show the 3 to 5 most important performance measures in the form of baselines with at least 3 years of actual history. Optional: provide a 2 year forecast of performance at current effort level.

Performance measures must be those that best answer the questions:

- How well are we delivering service?
- Are our customers better off? (CUSTOMER RESULTS)

Story behind (last 3 years of) performance:

Briefly explain, so a taxpayer could understand, the causes behind your performance for the last few years, including an explaination of the picture of performance shown in the baselines above. Reference your accomplishments where they have contributed. Use additional performance data as necessary to tell this story. Best formatting is short paragraphs with first sentence underlined.

What do you propose to do to improve performance in the next 2 yrs?

Include no-cost and low-cost ideas and the contribution of partners. Best formatting is short paragraphs with action item underlined.

Appendix A: Data development Agenda: List priorities for new or better data on performance

Appendix B: Link to Budget: Provide detail on priorities identified above which show in the current or proposed budget.

IDENTIFYING, SELECTING AND USING PERFORMANCE MEASURES

PART I: SELECTING PERFORMANCE MEASURES: Here is a five step process that is the fastest way (with practice about 45 minutes) to identify performance measures, select the most important ones and identify a data development agenda.

STEP 1. HOW MUCH WE DO (Upper Left): Draw the four quadrants on a big piece of flip chart paper. Start in the upper left quadrant. First put down the measure "# of customers served." in the upper left quadrant. Ask if there are better more specific ways to count customers or important subcategories of customers, and list them. (e.g. by age, by geography, by condition. Next ask what activities are performed. Convert each activity into a measure (e.g. "we train people" becomes # of people trained; "we repair roads" becomes # miles of roads repaired) When you're finished, ask if there are any major activities that are not listed. Don't try to get every last thing, just the most important.

STEP 2. HOW WELL DO WE DO IT? HOW WELL DO WE PERFORM THESE ACTIVITIES? (Upper Right): Ask people to review the standard measures for this quadrant that apply to most if not all programs, services or activities (e.g. unit cost, staff turnover, etc.) These are shown on the "Separating the Wheat From Chaff" worksheet

(page 50) in the upper right quadrant under "Common Measures." Write each answer in the upper right quadrant.

Next take each activity listed in the upper left quadrant and ask if there are measures that tell whether that particular activity was performed well. If you get blank looks, ask if timeliness matters, if accuracy matters. Convert each answer into a measure and be specific (e.g. the timeliness of case reviews becomes "percent of case reviews completed within 30 days after opening;" response time becomes "percent of responses in less than 6 minutes.")

STEP 3. IS ANYONE BETTER OFF? (Lower Left and Lower Right): Ask "In what ways could customers/clients be better off as a result of getting this service? How we would know if they were better off in measurable terms?" Create pairs of measures (# and %) for each answer (e.g. # and % of clients who get jobs above the minimum wage). The # answers go in the lower left; the % answers go in the lower right.

NOTE: There are two ways to state these kind of measures: point in time measures (e.g. % of children with good attendance this report card period) and improvement over time measures (e.g., % of children whose attendance improved since the last report card period).

Identifying the ways in which customers are better off is the most interesting and challenging part of this process. Dig deep into the different ways this can show up in the lives of the people served. Explore each of the four categories of "better-offness": skills/knowledge, attitude, behavior and circumstance. If people get stuck, try the reverse question: "If your service was terrible, how would it show up in the lives of your customers?"

Look first for data that is already collected. But be creative about things that could/should be counted and the ways in which data could be generated. It is not always necessary to do 100% reporting. Sampling can be used, either regular and continuous sampling or one time studies based on sampling. Pre and post testing can be used to show improvement over time in skills, knowledge or attitude. Surveys can be used which ask clients to self report improvement or benefits.

NOTE: Every performance measure has two incarnations: a lay definition and a technical definition. The lay definition is one that anyone could understand (e.g. Percentage of clients who got jobs) and a technical definition which, for percentages, exactly specifies the numerator and denominator (e.g. the number of clients who got jobs this month, divided by the total number of clients enrolled in the program at any time during the month).

PAUSE: Now you have filled in the four quadrants with as many entries as you can. Next we select the most important measures and a data development agenda. Here's a SHORT CUT way to do that:

STEP 4. HEADLINE MEASURES: Identify the measures in the upper right and lower right quadrants for which there is (good) data. This means decent data is available today (or could be produced with little effort). Circle each one of these measures with a colored marker. Ask the following question: "If you had to talk about your program in a public setting with just one of these circled measures, which one would it be?" Put a "star #1" by the answer. Then ask "If you could have a second measure... and a third?" You should identify no more than 3 or 4 measures. And those should be a mix of upper right and lower right quadrant measures. These choices represent a working list of headline measures for the program.

STEP 5. DATA DEVELOPMENT AGENDA: Ask "If you could buy one of the measures for which you don't have data, which one would it be?" The word buy is used deliberately because data is expensive both in money and employee time.) Mark each answer with a different colored marker. "If you could have a second measure... and a third?" List 3 or 4 measures. These answers are the beginning of your data development agenda *in priority order*.

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A Simplified View of

Results Accountability for Community-wide Efforts to Improve the Well-being of Whole Populations

Answer these questions (every week, month, quarter or year):

- 1. What population are we concerned about?
- 2. What conditions of well-being do we want for these folks? (results)
- 3. How could we measure these conditions? (experience & indicators)
- 4. How are we doing on the most important measures? (baselines)
- 5. Who are the partners who have a role to play in doing better?
- 6. What works (what would it take) to do better?
- 7. What do we propose to do?

Put it in this format:

Result: Clean Environment	
Indicator Baselines	
Story behind the baselines	Optional Appendices A. Data Development Agenda
What it would take to turn the curves?	B. Information and Research Agenda (about causes & what works) C. Secondary Measures detail
What we and our partners propose to do.	D. Partners detail E. Current actions (that are working) F. Proposed next year detail G. 2 to 10 Year agenda detail

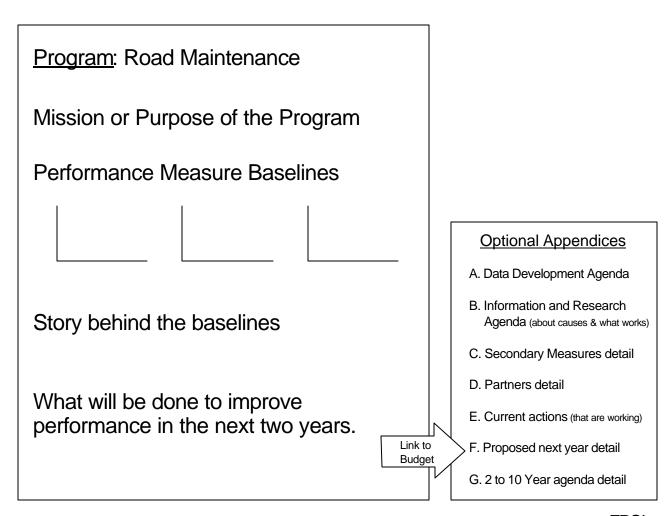
A Simplified View of

Performance Accountability for Programs, Agencies and Service Systems

Answer these questions (every week, month, quarter or year):

- 1. Who are our customers? (customer population)
- 2. How can we measure if our customers are better off? (customer results)
- 3. How can we measure if we're delivering service well?
- 4. How are we doing on the most important of these measures? (baselines and the story behind the baselines)
- 5. Who are the partners who have a role to play in doing better?
- 6. What works to do better?
- 7. What do we propose to do?

Put it in this format:



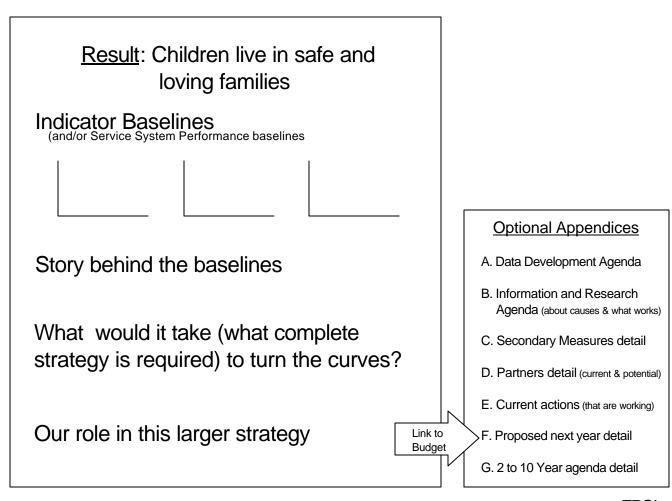
A Simplified View of

Results Based Grantmaking for Foundations and Other Funders

Answer these questions (every week, month, quarter or year):

- 1. What conditions of well-being do we hope to affect for the better (results)?
- 2. How would we recognize those conditions in measureable terms (indicators)?
 - 3. For the places we are considering helping, how are they doing on these measures (baselines)?
 - 4. What is the story behind the baselines?
 - 5. Who are the partners who have a potential role to play in doing better?
 - 6. What would it take to turn the curves? What strategy should the community (city, county, state) as a whole pursue to make this happen?
 - 7. What is our role in that larger strategy?

Put it in this format:



TOOL FOR CHOOSING A COMMON LANGUAGE

	Choice	Chosen	
Framework Idea	Common Labels for Each Idea	Modifiers (if you must)	Word or Phrase Each word or phrase can be used only once.
A. The Basics			
A condition of well-being for children, adults, families and communities stated in plain language.	Result, Outcome, Goal, Vision	Population Community-wide (For "client results" see D3)	1.
A measure that helps quantify the achievement of a result.	Indicator, Benchmark		2.
A coherent set of actions that has a reasoned chance of working to improve results.	Strategy, What works		3.
A measure of how well a program, agency or service system is working.	Performance measure Performance indicator	Program, Agency, System, Cross-system	4.
B. Other Important Ideas - Part 1			
A picture of a desired future, one that is hard but possible to attain.	Vision, Desired future	Often contains one or more results	1.
2. The purpose of an organization.	Mission, Purpose		2.
A person or organization who benefits from program or agency service delivery.	Customer, Client, Consumer		3.
A person or organization who has a significant interest in the performance of a program, agency or service system.	Stakeholder, Constituent		4.
A person or organization who has a role to play in improving results.	Partner	Current, Potential	5.
A visual display of the history and forecast(s) for a measure.	Baseline, Trendline		6.
7. An analysis of the conditions, causes and forces at work that helps explain why a baseline looks the way it does.	Story behind the baseline, Epidemiology, Etiology		* 7 .8
Possible actions that could make a difference on a result or performance measure.	What works, Options, Strategy	Research-based Asset-based	8.
9. A description of proposed actions.	Action plan, Strategy, Strategic plan		9.
10. The components of an action or strategic plan.	Goals and Objectives, Planned actions		10.
 A description of the funding of existing and/or proposed actions. 	Budget, Funding plan		11.
12. A document that describes what new data is needed or existing data that needs to be improved.	Data Development Agenda		12.
13. A document that describes what new information is needed about causes, conditions and/or what works.	Information and Research Agenda	About causes, About solutions	13.
14. A desired level of achievement for an indicator or performance measure.	Target, Goal, Standard	Realistic, Arbitrary, Punitive, Insane	14.
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TOOL FOR CHOOSING A COMMON LANGUAGE Page 2

	Choices		Chosen
Framework Idea	Common Labels for Each Idea	Modifiers (if you must)	VVord or Phrase Each word or phrase can be used only once.
C. Other Important Ideas - Part 2			
A description of why we think an action or set of actions will work.	Theory of change, Logic model	Used at both the population and performance levels.	1.
 A structured analysis of how well a program is working or has worked. 	Program evaluation	portormanos to roto.	2.
 A system or process for holding people in a geographic area responsible for the well-being of the total population or some defined subpopulation. 	Results Accountability Results-based Accountability Outcome Accountability Outcome-based Accountability	"Results Accountability" is sometimes used to describe all of 3 through 7 combined.	3.
 A system or process for holding managers and workers responsible for the performance of their programs, agencies and service systems. 	Performance accountability	Program, Agency, Service system	4.
 A system or process of working from ends to means, using population and / or program results to drive decisions about what to do. 	Results-based decision making, Outcome-based decision making		5.
A system or process of working from ends to means, using population and / or program results to drive the budget.	Results-based budgeting, Outcome-based budgeting		6.
 A system or process of working from ends to means, using population and/or program results to drive grantmaking decisions. 	Results-based grantmaking, Outcome-based grantmaking		7.
D. Types of Performance Measures			
Measures of the quantity or amount of effort, how much service was delivered.	How much did we do?, Input, Output, Resources, Process measure, Product measure		1.
Measures of the quality of effort, how well the service delivery and support functions were performed.	How well did we do it?, Efficiency measure, Process measure Customer satisfaction		2.
3. Measures of the quantity and quality of effect on customers' lives.	Is anyone better off?, Effectiveness measure, Customer result, Customer outcome, Impact, Cost / benefit ratio, Return on investment, Output, Outcome, Product, Value added, Customer satisfaction	Program, Agency, Service system	3.
E. A Basketfull of Modifiers to use with any of the above.	Measurable, Quant Urgent, Qualita Priority, Positiv Targeted, Negati Incremental, Short- Systemic, Mid-te Core Long-t	ative, Internal, ve, Infernal ive, External, term Eternal, rm, Allegorical,	rial
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Elections Program (1330P)

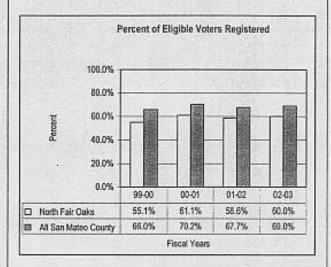
Department: Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

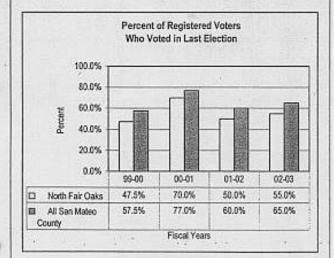
FY 2002 and 2003 Recommended Budget

Program Outcome Statement

The Elections Division promotes civic involvement in the election process by registering eligible voters and conducting honest and accurate elections on behalf of the citizens of San Mateo County.

Headline Measures





Story Behind Baseline Performance

During FY1999-2000, Elections staff conducted the following purges of the voter file: SB 1313 purge (which requires the review and cleanup of voter files to ensure all information is current), targeting voters who had not voted in four years, and also Change of Address purge using post office data. More than 30,000 voters were removed from active voter file as a result of these efforts. There was a larger increase in voter registrations in February 2000, in anticipation of the March 2000 Presidential Primary Election. In addition, there was an increase in voter turnout during the November 2000 Presidential General Election. As anticipated, more people register and vote during a Presidential Primary and General Election. Voter registration and turnout is anticipated to drop off in FY 2001-02. However, voter registration and turnout will increase slightly in FY 2002-03 due to the November Gubernatorial Election.

There will be ongoing voter registration occurring via Department of Motor Vehicles registrations, political party activity in the County and via the 210 affidavit sites, including four in the North Fair Oaks Area, administered by the League of Women Voters.

What Will Be Done to Improve Performance in the Next Two Years

The Elections Office will meet performance targets by doing the following:

Continue Community Outreach and Education to Increase Voter Registration and Turnout

- Partner with League of Women Voters, community organizations, county agencies, political parties and other resources
- Develop a plan to coordinate the voter registration activities of the political organizations
- Partner with "Frontiers in Leadership" to engage in voter registration and voter turnout efforts
- Attend festivals and major community events to register people
- Conduct voter registration and voting classes in the community at key locations, including the community center and local schools

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Source: County of San Mateo: Recommended Budget FY 2001-2002 FY 2002-2003

Performance Measures Summary Table

Performance Measures	FY 98-99 Actual	FY 99-2000 Actual	FY 2000-01 Estimate	FY 2001-02 Target	FY 2002-03 Target
What/How Much We Do					
Number of new voters registered:					
- North Fair Oaks	402	443	600	400	450
- All San Mateo County	22,404	24,482	25,000	20,000	25,000
How Well We Do It					
Percent of eligible voters registered to vote:					
- North Fair Oaks	57,5%	55.1%	61.1%	58.6%	60.0%
- All San Mateo County	70.1%	66.0%	70.2%	67.7%	69.0%
Is Anyone Better Off?		100			
Number of registered voters who voted in last election:					
- North Fair Oaks	1,723	2,198	3,539	2,640	2,772
- All San Mateo County	150,967	181,190	261,297	207,268	217,631
Percent of registered voters who voted in last election:					
- North Fair Oaks	36.3%	47.5%	70.0%	50.0%	55.0%
- All San Mateo County	44.8%	57.5%	77.0%	60.0%	65.0%

RESULTS ACCOUNTABILITY IMPLEMENTATION Self Assessment Questions

- 1. Has your group or organization adopted a common language using the tool for choosing a common language or some other method? Does this common language allow you to clearly distinguish population and performance accountability?
- 2. Has your organization identified one or more population level results or conditions of well-being stated in plain language to which your work contributes?
 - a. Have you identified the 3 to 5 most important indicators for each of these results?
 - b. Have you created a baseline with history and a forecast for each of these measures?
 - c. Have you analyzed the story and causes behind these baselines?
 - d. Do you have a written analysis of what it would take to turn these conditions around at the national, state, county, city or community level?
 - e. Have you articulated the role your organization plays in such a strategy?
- 3. Has your organization established the 3 to 5 most important performance measures for what you do, using the performance accountability categories *How much did we do? How well did we do it? Is anyone better off?*
 - a. Have you created a baseline with history and a forecast for each of these measures?
 - b. Do you track these measures on a daily, weekly, monthly or quarterly basis?
 - c. Do you periodically review how you are doing on these measures and develop action plans to do better using the performance accountability 7 questions?
 - d. Have you adapted your organization's management, budget, strategic planning, grant application, and progress reporting forms and formats to reflect systematic thinking about your contribution to population conditions and your organization's performance?
- 4. Are the population and performance baseline curves you are trying to turn displayed prominently as one or more charts on the wall?
- 5. Have you identified an in-house expert to train and coach other staff in this work?